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The Zahony (Hungary) - Chop - Mukachevo - Verecky Pass - Nikolayev Road¹

- Between the end of World War II and July 1954, this road was rebuilt, using the labor of PWs and political prisoners, of whom 55 percent were Hungarians.
- The section of the road from Chop to Mukachevo has been widened to 12 meters. It has a good concrete surface on a foundation 50 cm thick. All nine bridges in this section have been rebuilt of reinforced concrete. There is an underpass beneath the railroad at a point about five kilometers east of Chop and another underpass 17 kilometers west of Mukachevo. The bypass at Mukachevo, completed in 1952, joins the Mukachevo-Uzhgorod main road at a point north of Mukachevo.
- The section of the road from Mukachevo to Polyana is about 30 kilometers long; it has been completely rebuilt. About 17 kilometers northeast of Mukachevo, this road used to divide into two roads: one ran along the right bank of the Latoritsa River, and the other crossed the river and led to Verecky, passing through the village of Svalyava. This river crossing has been eliminated, and the main road to the Carpathian pass now runs on the right bank of the Latoritsa River and joins the Svalyava road about seven kilometers south of Polyana. The width of the road is 10 to 12 meters, except at points north and south of Polyana, where the width is eight meters.
- The section from Polyana to Felsoverecke is about 32 kilometers long.² Ten kilometers north of Polyana, a previously existing sharp bend has been eliminated. The serpentine near Felsobabrenitsa has also been eliminated.³ The width of the road has been increased to eight meters.
- The section from Felsoverecke to Verecky Pass is about ten kilometers long. Most of this section has a concrete surface; the rest has been surfaced with gravel.⁴

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The Road from Polyana to Perechin

6. Two kilometers north (sic) of Polyana, in a westerly direction, runs the completely rebuilt road to Perechin.⁵

Comments

1. The road from Mukachevo through the Verecky Pass runs via Stryy to Lvov.
2. [] the names of towns mentioned in this report in their Hungarian form. Felsőverecke means Upper Verecky, but no such town is given on any available map. Presumably, it would be located to the north-east of Niz (lower) Verecky on the way to the Verecky Pass. In the present report, the place names are given in the Russian form where that is available; otherwise the names are given as they appear on the 1:100,000 map A.M.S. M671.
3. Felsőhabrenica is presumably identical with Vys Hrabovitsa, located at N 48-44, E 22-53.

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4. [] this road finished at this point, the boundary of the Zakarpatskaya Oblast Road Administration's area of authority. It is known, however, that the rebuilding of this road has been continued beyond this point.

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5. On the 1:100,000 map A.M.S. M671, this road is depicted as starting from a point about one kilometer south of Polyana and running in a northwesterly direction.

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